

that it is of so much consequence to him. It involves his future, not only of himself, but of those who are dearer to him than life. And, again, I assure you, that we are also striving for the vindication of the unfortunate widow's daughter. We appeal to your manhood to do her, as well as the respondent, justice. It is a rule of law, that you will not disregard, that a person charged before any court with any offence is supposed to be innocent until the contrary is proved.

Now, I submit to your judgment, with the responsibilities upon you, that you try this case according to the evidence: so help you, God. And let me implore you, that in considering the evidence, you will remember the silent witness now in the Morganton Asylum.

We come now to the second specification. It is that Dr. Grissom made amorous advances and lecherous proposals to Mrs. Perkinson. Mrs. Perkinson was never an attendant, nor in any way connected with the Institution as an employee, and therefore this specification had no proper place under this charge; but we realized that if that point had been made, it would have given to the uncharitable an occasion for saying that Dr. Grissom is seeking to avail himself of a mere technical defence, and to establish that if he has kept himself pure in relation to the female attendants of this Institution, he is not responsible to this Board for the morality of his conduct in relation to females outside of this Institution. So we meet this specification also, and deny it squarely.

It has been suggested that when Dr. Grissom admitted that, on one occasion, he was guilty of the impropriety of kissing Mrs. Perkinson under circumstances which appealed strongly to his sympathy, and so much so that Mrs. Perkinson herself admitted that she referred this act to an honorable motive, that he admitted the whole of this charge. Is it not true that a man cannot debauch every woman whom he may kiss?—nor does he expect to. I know that